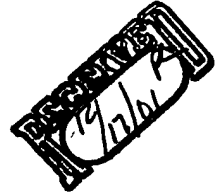


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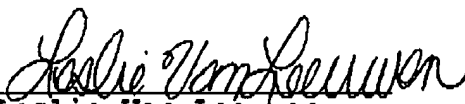
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In understanding the present invention, and its substantial differences from the teaching of Mantha, we must remain focused on the primary purpose of the whole bookmarking art: to avoid storing at the local or receiving facility extensive or lengthy documents of interest. With a bookmark, all that need be stored at the local or receiving station is the bookmark link to the document which remains stored at the remote or source network station. Accordingly, the present invention provides the user with the further means for defining sections of a lengthy Web document or page and for individually bookmarking such defined sections. This enables the user to be linked directly to the Web document area or section of interest to him without going through the process of bookmarking and thereby accessing the entire long Web document, and then going through the page until the area of interest is reached.

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The Web page which Mantha saves on the receiving station's local hard drive includes the standard HTML text, embedded files such as image, sound or video as well as hyperlinks to other documents. In order to facilitate or optimize the local storage of the Web page, Mantha appears to separate and store the embedded image, sound, and video

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In the various examples throughout the Mantha reference, the user is given options of conventionally bookmarking the received document. Applicants submit that if the teaching of Mantha were to be even suggestive of the bookmarking of secondary documents of the present invention, would not one skilled in the art have reasonably expected to have such concepts disclosed or suggested in connection with these conventional bookmarking functions.

Claims 5 through 7 have further patentability over Mantha in that they set forth that the bookmarked secondary document is formed by frames within the primary Web page. The Examiner points to Col. 11, lines 24-40 of Mantha as teaching this concept. What Mantha discloses here is that in organizing the locally stored copy of the Web page, files in the page such as audio, image or video are delimited within frames of the HTML structure. These Mantha files are not secondary HTML documents as defined in these claims. They are non-HTML types of files which are embedded into the basic HTML document via the frames so that they may be stored locally on the hard drive within the HTML document. In any event, since files are stored locally, how can anything associated with the files be said to disclose not the local storage of a secondary document but the creation

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Finally, Applicants fail to find anything in the sections cited by Examiner which is even remotely suggestive of the further limitation in claims 7, 14 and 21 that the basic transmitted Web document may be accessed through the bookmarked secondary document. As set forth above if the Examiner is somehow equating the embedded audio/video/image files with the present bookmarked secondary documents, then there is no suggestion that the basic HTML pages in Mantha may be accessed through such embedded files.


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In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit Claims 1-21 are not anticipated by Mantha al. (U.S. 6,163,779), and thus are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the Rejection be reversed, and Claims 1-21 be held to be patentable.

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Claims on Appeal

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means associated with one of said receiving display stations for bookmarking selected transmitted documents to thereby store at said receiving display station, direct links to the documents at said remote locations for future access,

means in a transmitted document defining at least one section in the document as an independent secondary document, and

means at said receiving display station for bookmarking said secondary document to thereby store at said receiving display station, a direct link to the secondary document at one of said remote locations, said link circumventing said transmitted document.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein said network is the World Wide Web.

3. The system of claim 2 wherein the transmitted documents are hypertext documents.

4. The system of claim 3 wherein the transmitted documents are Web pages in Hypertext Markup Language.

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5. The system of claim 4 wherein said secondary document is defined by frames within a Web page and is also in Hypertext Markup Language.

6. The system of claim 5 further including:

means for displaying a list of said bookmarked documents, and

means for adding said secondary bookmarked documents to said list.

7. The system of claim 5 further including:

means for accessing and displaying said secondary documents via said direct link, and

means for maintaining connections between said secondary documents and said transmitted documents, whereby said transmitted documents may be accessed and displayed through said accessed secondary documents.

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defining in a transmitted document at least one section as an independent secondary document, and

bookmarking said secondary document at said receiving display station to thereby store at said receiving display station, a direct link to the secondary document at one of said remote locations without accessing said transmitted document.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein said network is the World Wide Web.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the transmitted documents are hypertext documents.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the transmitted documents are Web pages in Hypertext Markup Language.

12. The method of Claim 11 wherein said secondary document is defined by frames within a Web page and is also in Hypertext Markup Language.

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13. The method of claim 12 further including the step of:
displaying a list of said bookmarked documents, and
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list.
14. The method of claim 12 further including the steps of:
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said direct link, and
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documents and said transmitted documents, whereby said
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documents in a computer managed communication network with
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locations without accessing said transmitted document.
16. The computer program of claim 15 wherein said network
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18. The computer program of claim 17 wherein the transmitted documents are Web pages in Hypertext Markup Language.

19. The computer program of claim 18 wherein said secondary document is defined by frames within a Web page and is also in Hypertext Markup Language.

20. The computer program of claim 19 further including:
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